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**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CANCELS POULTRY EVENTS IN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF HPAI**

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) today announced an order cancelling all poultry events across Nebraska due to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The order prohibits birds of any type at events including but not limited to fairs, expositions, swap meets, exotic sales and live bird auctions. The order is effective immediately and will be in effect until May 1, at which time the order will be reevaluated.

“The decision to cancel poultry events was not taken lightly but is a necessary step to assure we are doing everything possible to protect our poultry producers, both small and large,” said NDA Director Steve Wellman. “Poultry producers should continue to take biosecurity measures on their farms to help prevent the spread of the disease into their flock.”

At present time, NDA will continue to allow the selling of chicks, ducklings and goslings at farm stores as such birds are hatched in National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) flocks.

NDA is encouraging bird owners to prevent contact between their birds and wildlife and to practice strict biosecurity measures. If producers suspect signs of HPAI in their flock, they should report it to NDA immediately at (402) 471-2351. More information for producers can be found at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/index.html> or <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.

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Media Note: A copy of the controlled movement order is attached.